of M/s. Command Petroleum Australia, Videocon, India and Marubeni Japan.

(f) and (g) No decision has been taken by Government of India on changing the prevailing exploration licensing policy so far.

Rural Artisans

692. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rural artisans benefited under the Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisan Scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the supply of Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisans Scheme have failed to achieve the target during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and efforts made by the Government to strengthen the scheme; and

(d) whether the Government propose to consider to revise the guidelines of the scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 3,88,887 number of Rural Artisans have been benefited under the Scheme of Supply of Improved Tool Kits to the Rural Artisans. The State-wise details for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. As the scheme of Supply of Improved Toolkits was launched in July, 1992, i.e., in the middle of the first year of the 8th Plan, no firm target for the Plan period was fixed. However, based on formulations of Annual Plans, a total coverage of 7.82 lakh Rural Artisans was envisaged. By the end of 1995-96, 4.72 lakh number of Artisans were assisted. It is hoped to achieve the targetted coverage by the end 8th plan period.

(d) No, Sir. However, based on the feed back gathered and with a view to further improving the implementation of the scheme and its efficacy, the following areas would receive special attention in the Ninth Five Year Plan :

i) Quality control and timely supply of tool kits.

ii) Institutional arrangements for establishing marketing linkage.

iii) Due emphasis on choice of artisans.

iv) Periodic evaluation of scheme.

v) Research and development to be given due emphasis.

vi) Upgradation of skills through technological innovation.

Statement

State wise physical progress under the scheme of supply of improved Tool Kits to Rural Artisans

S.No.	State/UTs	No. of Rural Artisans Benefited		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8321	1393	11592
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	585	1368	1024
3.	Assam	5285	1118	5373
4.	Bihar	6493	5267	10195
5.	Goa	501	100	N.R.
6.	Gujarat	6370	1078	5880
7.	Haryana	4535	1350	8985
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1496	551	N.R.
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1161	1346	1842
10.	Karnataka	5399	3627	4132
11.	Kerala	6658	8247	6251
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5105	14500	1374
13.	Maharashtra	7496	7767	29032
14.	Manipur	1447	250	N.R.
15.	Meghalaya	324	126	1188
16.	Mizoram	3261	1722	1872
17.	Nagaland	597	3002	1186
18.	Orissa	1381	3443	8586
19.	Punjab	2722	1644	9135
20.	Rajasthan	5396	2343	3814
21.	Sikkim	500	802	395
22.	Tamil Nadu	8766	5169	1870
23.	Tripura	974	2021	2835
24.	Uttar Pradesh	19593	27917	28638
25.	West Bengal	3651	4705	9693
26.	A&N Island	320	-	229
27.	D & N Haveli	57	-	-
28.	Daman Diu	86	71	-
29.	Lakshadweep	77	96	-
30.	Pondicherry	590	1341	-
	Total	109147	124619	155121

Eviction of Out of Turn Allottees

693. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court has ordered eviction of more than 2000 out of turn allottees of type-III and above Government quarters in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether notices for eviction have been served on the allottees of these houses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per details given in the Statement.

(c) and (d) The Supreme Court has directed to prepare a revised list of those persons who would face eviction within a period of two months, i.e. by 23.2.1997, and to issue notices thereafter, within a period of 30 days. The revised list has since been prepared and the notices are to be issued within the stipulated period.

Statement

MAIN FEATURES OF SUPREME COURT ORDER DATED 23.12.1996 IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL NO.585/94) REGARDING EVICTION OF OUT-OF-TURN ALLOTTEES.

The Supreme Court of India in its Judgement dated 23.12.1996 has directed that all out-of-turn allottees of type III and above accommodation except those whose names were included erroneously, who were given change of accommodation in the same type, and those who were given allotment on medical ground within existing policy, would face eviction, in case their date of priority have not been covered for in-turn allotment by the date(s) the two reports of Gupta Committee (constituted by the Supreme Court) were submitted. Further all the allottees whose date of priority are not covered by 5.2.1997 i.e. 6 weeks from the date of judgement, shall face eviction. The Court has further directed that :-

(i) The Government shall get the medical cases, where out-of-turn allotment was made outside the existing policy, examined by a high powered medical board within two months, with a view to ascertain whether such out-of-turn allotment were justified on medical ground or not.

(ii) The out-of-turn allottees would pay twice the licence fee in respect of type III quarters and three times the licence fee in respect of type IV and above accommodation.

(iii) The out-of-turn allottees who are likely to retire by 26.9.1997 (30.9.1997) would be allowed to retain the accommodation subject to payment of enhanced licence fee as applicable.

(iv) The out-of-turn allottees entitled to lower type of accommodation on in-turn basis or if they were previously occupying any accommodation of lower type, will be allotted alternate accommodation provided enhanced licence fee is deposited within a period of two months.

(v) The officers of All India service who are occupying general pool quarters, despite being eligible to the quarters in tenure pool, though not actually allotted, would be evicted.

2. A new list would be drawn in terms of the Court order within two months, i.e. by 23.2.1997, and allottees liable to be evicted shall be served individual notices within 30 days, thereafter requiring them to vacate the premises within 90 days of the notice.

[Translation]

Shortage of LPG

694. SHRI D.P. YADAV
SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV
PROF. RITA VERMA

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of LPG cylinders in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to launch new schemes to cover more rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to remove current shortage of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (e) There was some shortage of LPG reported from various parts of the Country in the recent past owing to the reduced LPG availability from the indigenous sources on account of Planned/Unplanned shutdown of refineries, coupled with operational constraints/IR problems at some of the bottling plants resulting in LPG backlogs from the middle of Sept.,96.

The LPG supply position has normalised in December, 96 and as of now, no LPG backlog is reported by the Oil Companies in the Country, except for Marginal backlog in the State of Maharashtra.

As per the earlier policy, only towns of 20,000 and above urban population and offering commercial viability, were considered for setting up of LPG distributorships. However, as per latest policy of the Government, LPG marketing is also being extended to rural areas contiguous with Urban areas and offering adequate potential for commercially viable distributorships.

Registration of Rural Unemployed Persons

695. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to register the unemployed persons of rural areas;

(b) whether the total number of trained, untrained, educated and uneducated persons of rural areas have been identified being identified;